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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 10th September 2023**

***'You must love your neighbour as yourself'***

The theme of listening runs through today's readings. We are to listen to the word of God, to our hearts, to one another, and to our community. We are challenged truly to love one another, speaking out where necessary. Just as Jesus became our brother and made himself responsible for us, he asks that we do the same.

God appoints Ezekiel as his sentry: a mouthpiece to sound a warning when danger appears. We, too, are to be on the look out, helping one another rather than simply looking on. (First Reading)

The Gospel echoes this. Jesus tells us what to do when things go wrong in relationships within a community. We should try to work things out one-to-one, then invite those we can trust to advise, and finally ask the community, bringing back those who stray.

**Jesus asks us not to give up on people, even when they do not listen to us.**

In the Second Reading St Paul emphasizes that it is love that underpins all our relationships. The ten commandments are summed up in the phrase **'love your neighbour as yourself'**.

The Psalm of praise urges us to listen to the Lord with open hearts.

Today we also celebrate the first Sunday in the season of creation.

As we embrace the beauty of God's Kingdom, we pray for the grace to be good neighbors to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.

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**In his intention for September 2023, Pope Francis prays:**

**We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.**

## MASS TIMES

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday  
& Thursday - 9 am  
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

### Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am  
4 pm - 4.30 pm  
or by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm  
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

### Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

**Office is closed on  
Monday**

## Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

### Altar Servers Ministry

### Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

### Catechetical Ministry

PREP Winnie Bernardo

### Catholic Women's League

President : Cecile Cartago

### Knights Of Columbus

Felizardo Pagsanhan Jr.

### Legion Of Mary

Fidel Carolino

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Coordinator: Jose Cruz

### Ministry Of Lectors

Coordinator: Armando Cordova

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### Building Committee

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### Fund Raising Committee

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## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

**CONVALIDATION:** If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK :** Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

## Parish & Archdiocesan Events

### 1. The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) Office invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

The three sessions of The Way of Beauty webinar series are:

1. **Beauty and Catechesis**  
Thursday, September 7, 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Jem Sullivan
2. **Beauty and Evangelization**  
Thursday, September 14, 10 a.m. Speaker: Mr. David Dayler
3. **Beauty and Liturgy**  
Thursday, September 21, 10 a.m. Speaker: Fr. Paul Massel

[Register for free](#)

### 2. The Early Christian Tradition and the Active Imagination Thursday, Sep 14, 2023 4:00 PM

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) Office invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty, a webinar series that reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

[Online via Zoom](#)

3. **Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth \$25 - All are welcome**  
Location Online via Zoom Date and Time Thursday, Sep 21, 2023, Weekly until October 19, 2023 on Thursdays 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM [Register here](#)

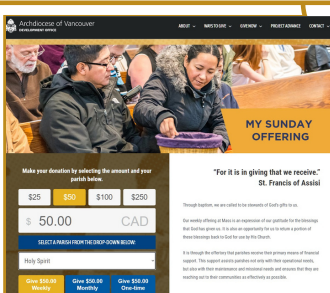
The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

As we enter into a new school year, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is pleased to once again be offering Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth, a Dr. Neufeld video course with discussion facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A.

### Bequest Clause

**The bequest can be added to your existing Will as codicil...**

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## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - September 8



*The Birth of the Virgin | fresco by Giotto*

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

### Reflection

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

September 8 - Franciscan Media - Saint of the Day

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 12	Tue	Macedonia Pagsanhan+
Sep 13	Wed	Juanita Macnaye+
Sep 14	Thu	Sherrill Weeks+
Sep 15	Fri	Antonio Pellizzari+

"May the souls of our faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen"

## Saints for September St. Teresa of Calcutta - September 5



### Mother Teresa of Calcutta,

It's an image known to many the world over: An elderly nun of unremarkable size, dressed in a white sari, takes into her arms a sickly child from the gutters of Calcutta. The nun carries the child to a bed in an overcrowded room, where she, aided by sisters in her order and other volunteers, spend the coming hours nursing the sick, feeding the hungry and comforting the dying.

In her 87 years, this formidable woman's mission to help the poorest of the world was a pounding thirst she tried urgently to quench. With hands gnarled by time and a face weathered by age, Mother Teresa—who founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950—braved the polluted and overcrowded streets of India and beyond, embracing people whom many feared to touch, advocating for the world's most forgotten citizens.

A true visionary, this holy woman saw past the wounds of lepers and comforted the sick as they wrestled with death. Simply, no person was beyond her capacity for love and assistance.

She thought herself to be in no better company than when she surrounded herself with the poor. Not only did she align herself with those living on the barren outskirts of society; she made a home there.

### Mother to Many

When she died in September of 1997, the defeated of this world lost their greatest champion. The legacy of her work, however, is still with us. By 1996, 517 missions in more than 100 countries functioned under her supervision. Still, she exhibited humility at every turn.

Case in point: In 1964, Pope Paul VI, moved by her efforts, gave Mother a Lincoln Continental as a gesture of his gratitude. She accepted the car, sold it and used the profits to establish a leper colony in West Bengal.

She sought neither praise nor reward, though she earned both. Unimpressed with her own celebrity, this winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 was single-minded in her pursuit to help the less fortunate. In their tattered faces, she saw the image of God.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

## Mission

*Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life*

## Vision

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.





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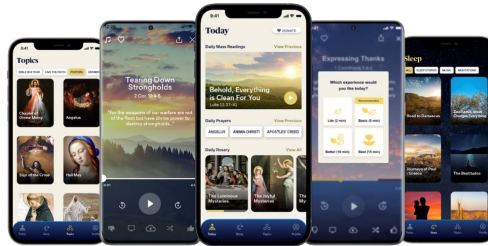
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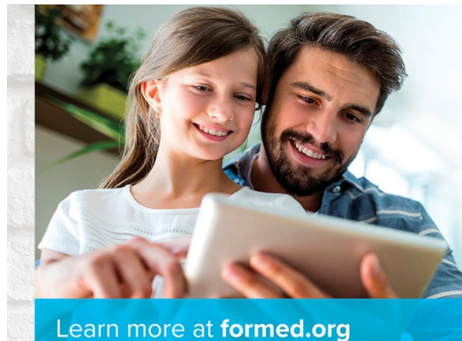
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